



Elementary Secondary Education Committee

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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1570

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1570 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended
5 by adding Section 825-100 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3501/825-100 new)

7 Sec. 825-100. School Wind and Solar Generation Program.

8 (a) There is created the School Wind and Solar Generation
9 Program to fund wind generation projects and solar generation
10 projects for school districts and community college districts.
11 The Authority may implement and administer this program. Under
12 the program, the Authority may provide to school districts and
13 community college districts that apply, full or partial
14 low-interest loans for, without limitation, engineering
15 studies, feasibility studies, research studies, and
16 construction costs for wind generation projects and solar

1 generation projects. The loan funds, subject to appropriation,
2 shall be paid out of the School Wind and Solar Generation
3 Revolving Loan Fund. All repayments of loans shall be deposited
4 into the School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund.

5 (b) The Authority may make available information regarding
6 the School Wind and Solar Generation Program to all school
7 districts and community college districts in this State.

8 (c) The School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan
9 Fund is created as a special fund in the State treasury. The
10 School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund shall
11 consist of any moneys appropriated into the School Wind and
12 Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund, as well as all repayments
13 of loans made under the School Wind and Solar Generation
14 Program. All interest earned on moneys in the School Wind and
15 Solar Generation Revolving Loan Fund shall be deposited into
16 the Fund. All money in the School Wind and Solar Generation
17 Revolving Loan Fund must be used, subject to appropriation, by
18 the Authority for the purposes of this Section.

19 (d) The Authority may accept additional funding for the
20 School Wind and Solar Generation Program from the federal
21 government and private donations.

22 (e) The Authority may adopt any rules necessary to
23 implement this Section.

24 Section 7. The Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and
25 Coal Resources Development Law of 1997 is amended by changing

1 Section 6-5.5 as follows:

2 (20 ILCS 687/6-5.5)

3 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 12, 2015)

4 Sec. 6-5.5. Renewable energy grants.

5 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department may establish
6 and operate a renewable energy grant program to assist public
7 schools and community colleges with engineering studies and
8 feasibility studies and ~~school districts~~ in the installation,
9 acquisition, construction, and improvement of renewable energy
10 resources ~~in the public schools~~, including without limitation
11 solar energy (such as solar panels), geothermal energy, and
12 wind energy.

13 (b) Application for a grant under this Section must be in
14 the form and manner established by the Department. ~~The grant~~
15 ~~shall cover 50% of the cost for which the grant is sought, up~~
16 ~~to a maximum grant of \$1,000,000, if the applicant school~~
17 ~~district is able to demonstrate that it has funds to pay the~~
18 ~~other 50% of the cost.~~ The schools and community colleges
19 ~~school district~~ may accept private funds for their ~~its~~ portion
20 of the cost.

21 (c) The Department may adopt any rules that are necessary
22 to carry out its responsibilities under this Section.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-46, eff. 8-10-07.)

24 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding

1 Section 5.719 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 105/5.719 new)

3 Sec. 5.719. The School Wind and Solar Generation Revolving
4 Loan Fund.

5 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
6 10-20.42 and 34-18.36 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.42)

8 Sec. 10-20.42. Wind and solar farms ~~farm~~. A school
9 district may own and operate a wind or solar generation turbine
10 farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local
11 government, school district, or community college district
12 that is authorized to own and operate a wind or solar
13 generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces
14 the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The
15 school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency,
16 including without limitation the State Board of Education, the
17 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,
18 in obtaining financing options for a wind or solar generation
19 turbine farm.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; 95-805, eff. 8-12-08;
21 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.36)

1 Sec. 34-18.36. Wind and solar farms ~~farm~~. The school
2 district may own and operate a wind or solar generation turbine
3 farm, either individually or jointly with a unit of local
4 government, school district, or community college district
5 that is authorized to own and operate a wind or solar
6 generation turbine farm, that directly or indirectly reduces
7 the energy or other operating costs of the school district. The
8 school district may ask for the assistance of any State agency,
9 including without limitation the State Board of Education, the
10 Illinois Power Agency, or the Environmental Protection Agency,
11 in obtaining financing options for a wind or solar generation
12 turbine farm.

13 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; 95-805, eff. 8-12-08;
14 95-876, eff. 8-21-08.)

15 Section 20. The Public Community College Act is amended by
16 changing Section 3-42.3 as follows:

17 (110 ILCS 805/3-42.3)

18 Sec. 3-42.3. Wind and solar farms ~~farm~~. To own and operate
19 a wind or solar generation turbine farm, either individually or
20 jointly with a unit of local government, school district, or
21 community college district that is authorized to own and
22 operate a wind or solar generation turbine farm, that directly
23 or indirectly reduces the energy or other operating costs of
24 the community college district. The board may ask for the

1 assistance of any State agency, including without limitation
2 the State Board, the Illinois Power Agency, or the
3 Environmental Protection Agency, in obtaining financing
4 options for a wind or solar generation turbine farm.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-390, eff. 8-23-07; 95-805, eff. 8-12-08.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law."